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SUBJECT: ADOPTION OF THE ICC UNGA RESOLUTION

11. Department requests that USUN deliver the following statement at the November 2 adoption of Agenda Item 77, the resolution on the International Criminal Court.

12. Begin Text.

The United States is not in a position at this time to join in the adoption of this resolution. If a vote had been called on this resolution, we would have abstained. We emphasize, however, that the United States remains steadfastly committed to promoting the rule of law and helping to bring violators of international humanitarian law to justice, wherever the violations may occur, and will continue to play a leadership role in righting these wrongs. As we have emphasized, we cannot ignore the terrible crimes that have occurred in places like Darfur and the massive human suffering that the world has witnessed.

End Text. CLINTON